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SUBJECT: US AND WEST GERMAN COMPANY MAKE ADDITIONAL LPG EQUIPMENT SALES

REF: A) KUWAIT 1966 B) KUWAIT 1842

1. GOK HAS AWARDED \$10 MILLION OF ULTIMATE \$70-80 MILLION COMPRESSOR AND DRIVER CONTRACTS TO WORTHINGTON TURBODYNE AND DEMAG. THIS EQUIPMENT IS FOR LPG PROCESSING STATION AND STILL LEAVES PENDING DECISIONS ON AWARDS OF EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS FOR BOOSTER AND GATHERING STATIONS FOR PROJECT. WORTHINTON TURBODYNE, WHICH CLAIM TO BE SELLING ALL US MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT, HAS CONTRACT FOR STEAM TURBINES VALUED AT APPROX. \$4.5 MILLION. DEMAG SOLD LARGE (ABOUT 42,000 HP) COMPRESSORS VALUED AT \$5.5 MILLION. DEMAG MANGAGED TO WIN CONTRACT BY SUBMITTING REVISED ELEVENTH HOUR BID WHICH LOWER THAN PREVIOUS LOW BID OF US DRESSER/CLARKE. DRESSER/CLARKE WAS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO REVISE THEIR BID BUT ONE OF THEIR REPS CLAIMS THEY FALL SHORT BY ABOUT KD42,000 (KD 1 EQUALS \$3.38).

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2. DECISIONS ON OTHER COMPRESSORS AND DRIVERS SHOULD BE MADE

BEFORE MAY 30 WHEN BID GUARANTEES EXPIRE. GE HAS STRONG HOPES SELLING THEIR GAS TURBINES WHILE INGERSOLL-RAND, DRESSER/CLARKE (MEDIUM SIZE), AND COOPER BESSEMER AND SOLAR (SMALL SIZE) ARE BEST HOPE FOR COMPRESSOR SALES.

3. ON CONTRACTING PORTION PROJECT, EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT FIRMS INVITED TO BID ARE EXACTLY AS PROVIDED IN REF A. BID DEADLINE IS JULY 14 AND BIDS ARE TO BE GUARANTEED FOR 60 DAYS. WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT MOST, IF NOT ALL, US FIRMS INVITED WILL MAKE OFFERS.

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